



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Dr. Julie Smith-Morrow, Aaron Sutherland, and Sylvia Covington.

Ms. Malone asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and pause for a Moment of Reflection.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Newport Independent School District will partner with families and the community to nurture, educate, and instill core values in all students to ensure they reach their full potential.

EXPULSION HEARING

Ms. Malone stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to conduct an expulsion hearing. Brandon Voelker, Board Attorney, will oversee the hearing from this point.

Mr. Voelker asked the guardian if she would prefer an open hearing or a closed hearing. He explained the difference between the two. The guardian chose to have the hearing in a closed session.

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the board went into executive session for the purpose of conducting the expulsion hearing.

1358 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND the board returned to open session to announce their decision regarding the expulsion.

1359 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the board voted to expel student for one calendar year with services. Based on the superintendent's recommendation, said student may return to school during the third quarter of this school year (spring 2023) if the following criteria is met:

- Maintains current academic performance;
- Continues sessions with Dr. Dalzell;
- Meets attendance requirements;
- Has no violent behavior incidents.

1360 – MOTION CARRIED 3-1

Mr. Sutherland stated he was not in favor of expelling said student.

The board took a 10-minute break. Time 7:55 PM

NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer Michael, Principal at Newport Intermediate School, was present to request an additional 3rd grade teacher. Spring staffing allocations covered 4 teachers per enrollment numbers at that time. Enrollment has increased to 101 3rd grade students as of this date.

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SUTHERLAND the board approved hiring an additional teacher for the 3rd grade.

1361 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION BY SUTHERLAND AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:17 PM

1362 – MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Chairman

Secretary